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REF: A) STATE 48556 B) BANGKOK A-19 1/24/75 C) BANGKOK 5105

D) BANGKOK 5178 E) TOAID A-21 1/23/76

1. SUMMARY. OLD ISSUES WITH SLIGHT VARIATIONS SHOULD POP UP AGAIN ALONG WITH NEW ONES SUCH AS: UNDP SHORTFALL, TCDC AND UNCTAD IV. DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA OVER PAST YEAR WILL NOT BE OVERLOOKED BUT IN ABSENCE OF KHMERS AND VIETNAMESE, NO SERIOUS CONTROVERSIES EXPECTED. WE AGREE MORE LISTENING AND FEWER INTERVENTIONS WOULD BE WISE COURSE TO FOLLOW AT SUBJECT MEETING
END SUMMARY.

2. ISSUES. MANY OLD UNRESOLVED ONES WILL TURN UP AND BE REFLECTED IN RESOLUTIONS; NEW ONES, SUCH AS TCDC AND UNDP FINANCIAL CRISIS WILL BE ADDED.

A. SHIPPING COMMITTEE: COMPROMISE PROPOSALS WERE ONLY DISCUSSED ONCE AT RECENT INFORMAL ACPR MEETING (BANGKOK 5105).

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INDIA AND SRI LANKA STILL FAVOR SEPARATE COMMITTEE BUT SOUTHEAST

ASIANS, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND UK NOW TENDING TOWARDS REVAMPED TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE OR EVEN SPECIAL BODY SIMILAR TO ONE ON LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES. WE SHOULD DEFER TO REGIONAL CONSENSUS.

B. REGIONAL CENTERS: ASIAN CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY STILL NOT ESTABLISHED BECAUSE OF FUNDING COMPLICATIONS. AGREEMENT ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES HAS DELAYED ESTABLISHMENT OF SOUTHEAST ASIA TIN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND REGIONAL MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CENTER. INDIA WILL PUSH HARD FOR ESTABLISHMENT IN INDIA OF REGIONAL CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. IF WE CAN RELATE LATTER TO U.S. GLOBAL PROPOSAL AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, WE SHOULD SUPPORT IT.

C. INDOCHINA STATES: SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA ARE NOT EXPECTED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES BUT LAOS WILL ATTEND AND COULD CONCEIVABLY BE HANOI'S SPOKESMAN. WE MAY HEAR SOME LAOTIAN DISTRIIBE AGAINST U.S. AS THAT DELIVERED AT 25TH MINISTERIAL SESSION OF COLOMBO PLAN CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SEE TOAID A-21 1/23/76) WHEN LAOTIAN REP ASKED OTHERS TO PRESSURE U.S. TO IMPLEMENT AID PORTION OF PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT. PRC CAN BE EXPECTED TO RAIL AT LEAST ONCE AGAINST "COLONIALISTS, NEO-COLONIALISTS AND SUPERPOWERS" BUT LEADERSHIP COMPLICATIONS IN PEKING MAY INDUCE CHINESE TO ADOPT EVEN LOWER PROFILE THAN THAT DISPLAYED AT LAST TWO SESSIONS. SOVIETS ARE BOUND TO MAKE PASSING REFERENCE TO "VISTORIES OF PROGRESSIVE FORCES" IN INDOCHINA BUT SHOULD NOTBELABOR THE POINT TOO MUCH.

D. NIEO: EXCEPT FOR RECENT TCDC REGIONAL MEETING, ISSUE OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER HAS NOT BEEN SERIOUSLY DEBATED OVER PAST YEAR IN ESCAP FORUMS. HOWEVER, NIEO COULD POP UP IN A BANGKOK DECLARATION IF ONE IS DRAFTED. INDIANS HINT THAT BRAFTING ALREADY UNDERWAY BUT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS STILL DENIES THERE WILL BE A SEPARATE DECLARATION. REMEMBER THAT SECRETARIAT, UNDER PAKISTANI PRESSURE, RENEGED ON AGREEMENT WICH US NOT TO CAPITALIZE NIEO IN NEW DELHI DECLARATION. THIS MAY PROVIDE US SOME LEVERAGE DURING DRAFTING SESSIONS.

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E. UNDP FINANCIAL CRISIS: SECOND REDUCTION LAST WEEK IN UNDP ALLOCATIONS HAS, ACCORDING TO MARAMIS, SERIOUSLY AFFECTED FOUR ESCAP SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS: CCOP (CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON OFFSHORE PROSPECTING), MEKONG COMMITTEE, ASIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM. PAYCHECKS FOR THREE-MAN ESCAP/ITU UNIT STOP APRIL 1. WE CAN EXPECT STRONG CONDEMNATIONS OF UNDP CUTS DURING SUBJECT MEETING.

F. TCDC: RECENT REGIONAL MEETING ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (SEE BANGKOK 5178) WAS ONLY MEETING THIS PAST YEAR WITH FLAVOR OF RANCOROUS NEW DELHI DECLARATION DRAFTING SESSION, IN WHICH INDIA REVERTED TO ITS FORMER WAYS IN ATTACKING U.S. POSITIONS IN COMPANY WITH ROMANIA, PAKISTAN AND YUGOSLAVIA. IF TCDC COMES UP AT 32ND SESSION, WE CAN EXPECT MORE OF THE SAME.

G. UNCTAD IV: NOT MUCH HAS BEEN SAID SO FAR THIS YEAR ON THIS NAIROBI MEETING IN MAY BUT IT COULD BECOME THE CORE ISSUE FOR A BANGKOK DECLARATION. IT WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER G-77 BELIEVES ANOTHER DECLARATION IN ADDITION TO RECENT MANILA ONE IS NECESSARY.

3. RESOLUTIONS. IN ADDITION TO RESOLUTION EXPANDING ROLE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (ACPR) DESCRIBED IN BANGKOK'S 5105, WE CAN EXPECT RESOLUTIONS ON REGIONAL CENTERS, ON SHIPPING COMMITTEE, ON REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS AND PERHAPS ALSO A BANGKOK DECLARATION.

4. COMMENT: WE AGREE WITH STATE 48556 THAT FEW CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS ARE EXPECTED AND WE FAVOR MORE LISTENING AND LESS INTERVENING THAN IN RECENT PAST. WE SHOULD DESCRIBE PROGRESS TO DATE OF OUR CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS WHICH WERE INCLUDED IN RESOLUTION 3362 OF SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. THESE COULD BE CONTRASTED WITH RHETORICAL DECLARATIONS OF CONFRONTATIONAL SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION. PERHAPS A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF OUR EXPECTATIONS FROM CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CIEC) WOULD ALSO INTEREST AN ASIAN AUDIENCE. OUR MAIN THEME SHOULD BE THAT COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION IS MORE AND MORE ESSENTIAL IN AN INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT WORLD AND WILL PROVE TO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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